

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after line 18, please insert as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, after line 2, please insert as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 24, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 33 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention also provides a method of producing powder coating material comprising at least two different components for use in the electrostatic coating of a substrate, the method including the ~~step~~step of co-processing the at least two different components.

Page 25, after line 11, please insert as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 25, after line 20, please insert as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Page 31, after line 1, please insert as follows:

EXAMPLES

Page 31, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 1

A dry powder coating material was prepared by the following method.

(a) A sample containing, by weight,

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| 55.5% | Eudragit <u>EUDRAGIT</u> RS (Trade mark) (fine powdered ammonio-methacrylate copolymer) |
| 18.5% | polyethylene glycol (high molecular weight: approximately 20 000) |
| 15.0% | Titanium dioxide |
| 5.0% | Aluminium lake |
| 5.0% | Sodium lauryl sulphate |
| 0.5% | Explotab <u>EXPLOTAB</u> (Trade mark) (sodium starch glycolate) |
| 0.5% | Aerosil <u>AEROSIL</u> 200 (Trade mark) (colloidal silicon dioxide) |

was premixed in a high shear mixer.

Before mixing, the particle sizes of the components of the sample were

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| TiO ₂ | 50% by volume less than 5 μ m |
| Aluminium lake | 50% by volume less than 1 μ m |
| Sodium lauryl sulphate | 50% by volume less than 100 μ m |
| Eudragit <u>EUDRAGIT</u> | 50% by volume less than 40 μ m |
| Polyethylene glycol | 50% by volume from 60 to 70 μ m |

(b) The premixed mixture was wet granulated by the following method. Water was slowly added to the mixture obtained in (a) above in a high shear mixer for a few

minutes until a granulated mixture was obtained. The weight of water added was between about 10 to 15% of the weight of the premixed mixture.

(c) The granulated mixture obtained in step (b) above was dried in a fluid bed drier at a temperature of approximately 45°C for about 20 to 30 minutes to give a material having a moisture content (measured as loss on drying) below 3% by weight.

(d) The granules obtained in step (c) were impact milled and then micronised using a fluid energy mill to a powder containing particles having a size distribution such that 50% by volume of particles were of a size less than 20 μm , and almost 100% by volume were of a size less than 60 μm . The peak in the size distribution of the particles was seen at about 10 μm .

The powder was found to be susceptible to movement under the action of electrostatic forces as defined above.

(e) The powder was coated onto a tablet core using the method and apparatus described above. No pretreatment of capture-enhancing fluid was used. The powder coating on the tablet core surface was then fused using an infra red source to heat the coating material on the tablet core to a temperature above 130°C for about 5 seconds. The resulting coating and good opacity, was smooth, glossy and brightly coloured. The thickness of the coating was found to be less than 100 μm .

The distribution of particle sizes of the particles of the powder produced in step (d) above was measured. The particle size distribution measured in volume %.

100%	less than	57.25 μm
70.29%	less than	22.04 μm
5.58%	less than	1.52 μm

Approximately 50% of the particles had a size from 15.05 μ m to 32.29 μ m.

Approximately 35% of the particles had a size from 18.21 μ m to 32.29 μ m

The average particle size was 19.17 μ m (calculated as a mode).

Page 32, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 36 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 2

A sample containing, by weight,

59.6%	Eudragit <u>EUDRAGIT</u> RS (ammonio-methacrylate copolymer)
19.9%	Klucel <u>KLUCEL</u> (Trade mark) (hydroxyl propoyl cellulose)
15.0%	Titanium dioxide
5.0%	Aluminium lake
0.5%	Croscarmellose sodium (cross-linked carboxymethylcellulose sodium)

was used to make a powder coating material by the method described in steps (a) to (d) of Example 1. The powder material was coated onto and fused on the surface of a tablet core as described in step (e) of Example 1. The resulting coating was smooth and highly glossy with strong colour and good opacity. The Coating was judged to exhibit a higher gloss than would be expected for a conventional film-coated tablet.

Page 33, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 3

A sample containing, by weight,

39.75% ~~Eudragit~~ EUDRAGIT RS (ammonio-methacrylate copolymer)

39.75% ~~Klucel~~ KLUCEL (hydroxyl propyl cellulose)

15.0% Titanium dioxide

5.0% Aluminium lake

0.5% ~~Aerosil~~ AEROSIL 200 (colloidal silicon dioxide)

was used to make a powder coating material by the method described in steps (a) to (d) of Example 1. The powder coating material was coated and fused on the surface of a tablet core as described in step (e) of Example 1. The resulting coating was smooth and glossy with strong colour and good opacity.

Page 33, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 31 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 4

A sample containing, by weight,

60.0% ~~Eudragit~~ EUDRAGIT RS (ammonio-methacrylate copolymer)

20.0% Glyceryl monostearate

15.0% Titanium dioxide

5.0% Aluminium lake

was used to make a powder coating material by the method described in steps (a) to (d) of Example 1. The powder material was coated and fused on the surface of a tablet core as described in step (e) of Example 1. The resulting coating was smooth and matt with strong colour and good opacity.

Page 34, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 5

A sample containing, by weight,

60.0%	Eudragit <u>EUDRAGIT</u> RS (ammonio-methacrylate copolymer)
20.0%	Xylitol
15.0%	Titanium dioxide
5.0%	Aluminium lake

was used to make a powder coating material by the method described in steps (a) to (d) of Example 1. The powder material was coated and fused on the surface of a tablet core as described in step (e) of Example 1. The resulting coating was semi-glossy with strong colour and good opacity.

Page 34, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 6

A sample containing, by weight,

46.5%	Eudragit <u>EUDRAGIT</u> RS (ammonio-methacrylate copolymer)
28.0%	Klucel <u>KLUCEL</u> (hydroxyl propyl cellulose)
15.0%	Titanium dioxide
5.0%	Aluminium lake
5.0%	Polyethylene glycol 6000

0.5% Aerosil 200 (colloidal silicon dioxide)

was used to make a powder coating material by the method described in steps (a) to (d) of Example 1. The powder material was coated and fused on the surface of a tablet core as described in step (e) of Example 1. The resulting coating was smooth with strong colour and good opacity.

Page 34, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 35 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 7

(a) A sample containing, by weight,

56.25% polyethylene glycol

20.0% Titanium dioxide

18.75% ~~Eudragit~~ EUDRAGIT RS (ammonio-methacrylate copolymer)

5.0% Aluminium lake

was blended using a high shear mixer. Before blending, the polyethylene glycol and ~~Eudragit~~ EUDRAGIT were of similar particle size with at least 50% by volume of the particles having a size between from 100 μm to 200 μm and at least 50% by volume of the particles of Titanium dioxide and the Aluminium lake had a size less than 1 μm .

(b) The dry blended mixture was then milled to give a powder material having particle size less than 300 μm with at least 50% by volume of the particles having a size between from 100 μm to 200 μm .

(c) The material was coated onto tablet cores using the method and apparatus described above, including a pretreatment spray of polyethylene glycol. The

powder coating on the tablet core surface was then fused using an infra red source to heat the coating material on the tablet core to a temperature above 130°C for about 5 seconds. The resulting coating was smooth and highly glossy with strong colour and good opacity. The coating was judged to exhibit a higher gloss than would be expected for a conventional film-coated tablet.

Page 35, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

Example 8

- (a) A sample containing, by weight,
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| 56.25% | polyoxyethylene glycol |
| 20.0% | Titanium dioxide |
| 18.75% | Eudragit <u>EUDRAGIT</u> RS (ammonio-methacrylate copolymer) |
| 5.0% | Aluminium lake |

The components having similar particle size to those of Example 7 before blending (the polyoxyethylene having similar particle size to that of the ~~Eudragit~~ EUDRAGIT), was dry blended using a high shear mixer and the blended mixture was milled as described in step (b) of Example 7. The material obtained was coated onto tablet cores as described in step (c) of Example 7 and the resulting coating was smooth and highly glossy with strong colour and good opacity. The coating was judged to exhibit a higher gloss than would be expected for a conventional film-coated tablet.